

1 menALIVE Ministries in conjunction with **St Christopher's Parish Syndal** is facilitating a Father-Son experience from **11-13th August** called "Growing Good Men". It is being held at Gilwell Park, Gembrook. It is for Dad's and their 13 to 16 year old sons. It is a great program to enable young men in the company of their fathers to experience the affirmation that it is so important for a young man to hear. Cost \$330 for the weekend for a Dad and Son "pair" including accommodation and meals. Enquiries: Michael Bohan 0439 172 465 or Frank Peh via Syndal Parish Office 9802 85382.



2 **MenALIVE Men's Weekend 9/10 September, St Judes Parish, Langwarrin**

MenALIVE is a National Catholic Ministry that helps men become fully alive. It brings them together to find inspiration, encouragement, enrichment in their relationships, and a deeper sense of purpose. The Langwarrin Parish will be hosting this wonderful weekend at St Jude's church on 9/10 September. Please come and join us. The cost is only \$25 including all meals, if registered by 1 September. Enquiries can be directed to Paul Hughes via 0413 384 642, [paul.transformation@gmail.com](mailto:paul.transformation@gmail.com) or to Gerry Gogan via 0417 547 763, [ggogan@me.com](mailto:ggogan@me.com). Information is also available at the rear of this church, and via [www.menalive.org.au](http://www.menalive.org.au)

**Upcoming Events**

- 8 August St Mary of the Cross
- 13 August CatholicCare Sunday Appeal
- 15 August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.15am & 7 pm Masses
- 20 August Confirmation Commitment Day

Mass at other locations:

- **Sunday August 13th at 5pm**  
Parish Mass in St Augustine's Hall  
St Augustine's School - Golf Links Road

**St Francis Xavier Parish Prayer**



O God, eternal Lord of all things:  
You created humanity in your image and likeness and so loved the world that you gave your only begotten Son so that whoever believes in him might have life and have it to the fullest. Grant that, in imitation of the servant of Christ, Saint Francis Xavier, who carried the good news of salvation to many people we may courageously proclaim your Word and be the salt of the earth and light of the world. **Amen.**

- Feast Days: 7 Aug: Sts Sixtus II & Cajetan  
8 Aug: **St Mary of the cross**  
9 Aug: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross  
10 Aug: St Lawrence  
11 Aug: St Clare  
11 Aug: St Jane Frances de Chantal

**Other Groups/Activities:**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 4pm in Xavier Centre.

**Donations/Assistance:** 9769 6060

**Membership:** 0438 573 694; 9770 5570; 9783 3976

**Furniture Donations:** 1800 621 349

**Friendship Club (Seniors):** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

of month in the Xavier Centre at 10.30am.

Bus trips on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month.

Contact: Marie - 9775 8737

**Knitting Group:** Contact Yvonne - 5976 8480

**Prayer Line:** Carolyn Gobel - 5971 3103

**Parish Cuppa:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month after the 10.30am Mass in the Xavier Centre.

**Other Cuppas:**

Every Thursday after 9.15am Mass in the Quilter Room and Every Sunday after the 10.30am Mass in the Xavier Centre.

**Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection -**

**19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**1st Reading 1 Kings 19:9. 11-13**

**2nd Reading Romans 9:1-5**

**Gospel Matthew 14:22-33**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 30.07.2017**

Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Church \$ 983  
Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Presbytery \$ 470

Please ensure you write your dollar amounts on each side of the envelopes. **Thank You**  
Collection will be taken up after the Prayer of the Faithful.



**St Francis Xavier Parish, Frankston**

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**Sunday Masses**

Vigil Mass -Saturday Evening 6.00pm  
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.30pm

**Weekday Masses**

Tuesday - Saturday 9.15 am  
Monday - 1<sup>st</sup> + 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of month

**Liturgy of Word and Communion Service**

Monday - 9.15am  
2<sup>nd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> + 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays of month

**Anointing Mass**

9.15am First Thursday of month

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Adoration**

Wednesday 8.40am-9.10am  
Friday after 9.15am Mass

**Rosary**

Wednesday after 9.15am Mass

**Children's Liturgy**

Sunday during 10.30am Mass

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

Wednesday: 7.30pm in Chapel

**Legion of Mary**

Friday: 2pm in Quilter Room

**Divine Mercy**

Friday: 3pm in Chapel ( private prayer)

**Charismatic Prayer for Healing**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month: 5.15pm music,  
then Prayer for Healing after 5.30pm  
Mass: **In Recess until Sept 2017**

6th August 2017

*The Transfiguration of the Lord*

**Teach,Preach,Reach (TPR), Adoration & Healing** after 5.30pm Mass  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month

**Cell Groups**

Tuesday: 10.00am in Quilter Room  
Thursday: 7.30pm in Quilter Room

**Confessions**

Saturday: 10am - 10.30am,  
Saturday: 5.30pm - 5.50pm

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month during the Masses.  
(Saturday Evening Mass inclusive)  
**AND**  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month at 11.30am  
(after the 10.30am Mass)

This Sunday 's Readings: **1st Reading Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14** & **2nd Reading 2 Peter 1:16-19**

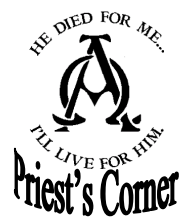
**Gospel Matthew 17:1-9** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

*His face was shining like the sun. Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.*

*As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'*



*The Gospel of the Lord Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ*



HOMILY: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

The transfiguration of Jesus took place on Mount Tabor. Mountains have been a place where people encounter the divine; Abraham went to sacrifice his Son Isaac on a mountain at Moriah (GEN 22); The Lord gave the Israelites the ten commandments at Mount Sinai (EX 20); Prophet Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal at Mount Carmel (1Kg 18:17-40); Jesus gave his sermon which included the beatitudes on a mountain (Mt 5); and Jesus was crucified at Golgotha which was a mountain.

The transfiguration of Jesus Christ was like a eureka moment for his disciples; an aha experience. It is like a major episode in one's life that one can never forget. It can be compared to the experience of Jacob in Genesis 28:10-19. Jacob had a dream in Bethel in which he saw angels of God ascending and descending from heaven via a staircase and the voice of God assuring him that He was the God of Abraham and Isaac. When Jacob woke up from sleep he exclaimed that God is in this place and I was not aware of it. He then built an altar to the Lord. It was a great revelation and a memorable experience for him. Another aha experience is also found in the hymn 'Amazing Grace' where it reads, 'I was blind and now I see'. The seeing has a positive transforming effect.

No one wants to forget a Eureka moment or an aha experience; we reminisce about them. This explains why Peter wanted to build three tents – For Jesus, Moses and Elijah. The Psalmist said, "one thing I ask of the Lord and this I long; to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life" (Ps 27:4). But this aha moment on the mountain was only a foretaste of the joy that shall be ours if we remain faithful and walk in the foot step of Christ. It was also to prepare the disciples of Jesus for the scandal of the cross. It was a way to reassure the disciples of Jesus that the passion and crucifixion of Jesus will not be the last chapter of his story, but it will lead to the glorification of Jesus as Lord. Hence, Jesus and his disciples had to climb down the mountain to 'drink the cup' (Mt 20:22) that leads to eternal glory. This drinking of 'the cup' was the passion and crucifixion for Jesus and martyrdom for the apostles of Jesus.

In the Gospel of today, the human body that veils the divinity of Christ was lifted in the context of prayer. For we read in the Gospel that "Jesus took with Him Peter, and John and James and went up the mountain to pray" (Lk 9:28). When the disciples experienced the divinity of Jesus as the second Person in the Blessed Trinity, they exclaimed through Peter, "Lord, it is wonderful to be here". They realised instantaneously, that Jesus is the one on whom sovereignty, glory and kingship has been conferred upon by God and that his sovereignty was eternal (the first reading). They also came to the awareness that Jesus is the gate to heaven because at his transfiguration, his disciples also communed with the saints in glory in the person of two Old Testament Pillars – Moses and Elijah. Moses was a great prophet and law giver. It was to him that God gave the ten commandments. The first five books of the Old Testament (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy) are ascribed to him. Elijah was a great prophet who called down fire from heaven to consume the meat of sacrifice on mount Carmel, thus proving to the people of Israel that Yahweh is the only true God and not Baal. Elijah was taken up into heaven by the whirlwind (1Kg 2)

The appearance of Moses and Elijah at the transfiguration of Jesus was to handover the baton to Jesus. Jesus is the fulfilment of all the Old Testament prophecies. The Old Testament was the time of preparation for the coming of Christ. Now that Christ has taken the stage, all the pillars of the old Testament will have to acknowledge Jesus as the Lord. Hence, in the gospel of today, the Father's voice was heard, affirming Jesus as the new authority in matters of faith when He said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, listen to him." We are now invited to put our faith and trust in Jesus who has set us free through his cross and resurrection.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

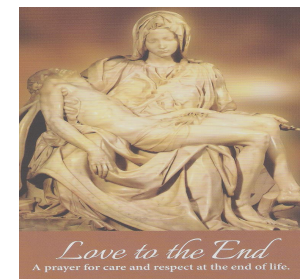
NEXT SUNDAY - 2nd Collection - CatholicCare Sunday Appeal

We pray with loving and trustful hearts for Jack Torcaso, Kevin Churchill, Wendi Courtney, Harry & Donna Arnold, Billy Coburn, Ross Monterosso, Paul Czubryj, Vima & Salih Basic, Greg Davine, Gloria Resubal and for all our Parishioners, friends and family who are not doing so well at this time, that they will recognize the hand of our Merciful and Loving God in difficult times.



We pray for all who have died recently and for Kurian Varkey Chalkkathra, Brian Mitchell, Cathy Arvaji, Bienvenida Flor, Catherine Mulholland and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May the souls of all departed rest in the peace and love of God.

A prayer titled Love to the End - for the care and respect at the end of life.



Heavenly Father, We pray for all who are approaching death, that they be granted the grace to live in peace in this life and rest in peace in the next.

Show us how to care for those at the end of life with loving patience.

We pray for all doctors, nurses and care givers who answer the call to serve You in the sick and dying.

May they be strengthened to continue to use their gifts in the service of life.

We pray for our law and policy makers, may they always seek to serve the common good and respect the dignity of all, especially the most vulnerable.

We pray for the freedom of all to act in accordance with their conscience.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Mary, Mother of all, pray for us!

Parish Cuppa: 1st Sunday of month after the 10.30am Mass in the Xavier Centre. - 6th August

Benediction & Adoration: after 9.15am Mass Friday 11th August The intention for our Adoration this Friday is for God to touch the hearts of our Parliamentarians as they consider the Euthanasia Bill.

ANTI-EUTHANASIA UPDATE

Thus far, the only local member of the Victorian Parliament to respond to the petition that many of you endorsed during June, has been Inga Peulich, MLC, Member for South-East Metropolitan Region. She is firmly against the assisted suicide legislation being proposed by the Andrews government. Mr. Paul Edbrooke, MLA, the Member for Frankston, has announced that he will be supporting the assisted suicide legislation being proposed by the Andrews government. However, Mr. Edbrooke, like any politician, could be persuaded to change his mind. Therefore, I suggest that those of you who have already written to him do so again, and that those who have not yet written to him seriously reconsider doing so. In view of his reluctance to reply previously to pro-life voters, I suggest that you all insist on a reply to your concerns about assisted suicide and euthanasia. Michael Long Anti-Euthanasia Co-ordinator Forward letters to:

Mr. Paul Edbrooke, MLA, Member for Frankston 140 Young Street, Frankston, 3199

Parish outreach:

Is anyone available to visit a housebound Italian speaking lady in Long Island Retirement Village (Overton Road)? For more information - contact Parish Office.

For Your Interest and Diaries

St Francis Xavier - Frankston

- St Vincent de Paul Society (Mornington Conference) will be holding a Musical Concert in our Xavier Centre on Sunday 13th August at 2pm. All monies raised will enable Vinnies Mornington to help those in need. Please contact: Elvira on 5974 2607.

Syro Malabar

Every Thursday night - 6pm Mass; First Sunday of month - 4pm Mass



Mass at other locations

- The next Mass will be 13th August at 5pm Parish Mass in St Augustine's Hall, St Augustine's School - Golf Links Road

External

- John Paul College Open Day - Thursday 10th August. Please register at www.jpc.vic.edu.au
- ALPHA Course will be starting in St Macartan's Parish - 24th August at 7pm. Contact Melissa on 0416 060 373
- 2017 Corpus Christi Seminary Fundraising. Raffle tickets are available from the Parish Office. The raffle will be drawn at the seminary, on Friday 25 August. You are invited to attend this evening during which seminarians present musical, drama and comedy items. Supper will be served. Entry is \$5 per person.
- LOCAL RADIO: Every Sunday morning at 8am Peninsula Radio Rpp 98.7fm (98.3 fm Frankston) presents THE CATHOLIC HOUR free to air to benefit the community in general, the sick, housebound or people just wanting to know how we think! For further info contact Rpp (03) 5975 1234 (office hrs) or Maureen Federico on

New comers / notification

Welcome and thanks for worshipping with us at St Francis Xavier. If you are new to the parish or have changed your home address or need Thanksgiving Envelopes, please fill in your details and drop it in the collection bag or give to the priest.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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New  Change of Address

I would like Thanksgiving Envelopes